

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

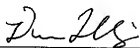
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 7-8 and 11 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 7-8 and 11 are allowed. By means of the present amendment, independent claims 1, 10 and 12-16 have been amended to include features similar to that of allowable claims 7-8 and 11. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 9-10 and 12-16 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-6 should also be allowed at least based on its dependence from independent claim 1 as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of

argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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